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THE NEXT A. M. A. MEETING.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The JOURNAL enters upon its third year of life with hope and confidence and is cheerful of the future. We speak of it in this personal sense for to your Publication Committee the JOURNAL seems a living, growing entity; our child. The condition of the Society is excellent; county societies, almost without exception, are in a flourishing condition and are growing at a healthy rate. A number of counties where no societies now exist are ready for organization. On every important question confronting the medical profession of California, there is harmonious agreement. Judging from the kindly expressions of opinion that come to us from every county society and from individuals in all parts of the country, the JOURNAL's policy in regard to not only a passive but an active part in the fight for clean advertising, is heartily approved. In the coming year we shall strive to make your JOURNAL more useful to you than it has been and we will highly appreciate any suggestions that seem to you good. We will in no way depart from the now well-established policy governing the advertising pages; if anything, more care will be exercised

in considering advertisements submitted and in applying those rules which have been adopted and which are based upon the Principles of Ethics of the American Medical Association. We sincerely wish to every reader of the JOURNAL, a happy and a prosperous New Year.

The question propounded was this: Is a doctor "who is giving the treatment [a quack "drunk cure"] knowing it to be a secret form of treatment, i. e., administering drugs the nature of which he is ignorant, eligible to membership in an affiliated society of the American Medical Association, a county society, for example?" The answer as given by the *Journal A. M. A.*, in a recent issue, is as follows: "Not if the members of the county society to which he applies do their duty to themselves and to the profession." Certainly nothing could be more explicit nor more in conformity with the Principles of Medical Ethics promulgated by the American Medical Association. But will the gentleman who so wisely answered the query of the *Journal's* correspondent kindly point out wherein is the difference between the hypothetical man who is thus to be excluded from membership, and the men who make use of some twenty-five secret remedies "promoted" through the advertising pages of the *Journal* itself? It may be replied that the formulas of these are published, meaning thereby that a *qualitative* "formula" is published. If memory serves, the once famous Dr. Keeley announced that his remedy contained gold, and under such a lax ruling it should be considered ethical. Is it so considered by the gentleman who answered the query?

A question which should receive the careful consideration of all members of the Society, and their thoughtful expression, is **TUBERCULOSIS** the proposed establishment of **SANATORIA.** State sanatoria for the tuberculous poor. That much good has resulted from the tuberculosis crusade of the past few years, is conceded; that very much remains to be done, goes without argument; that something should be undertaken by the State, appears to be the general opinion. What direction shall State or municipal aid take? Shall it be outpatient dispensaries, or shall it be sanatoria, or both? Judging from the general tone of discussion, not only here in California but in other parts of the United States, both projects are considered desirable and necessary. But the undertaking is large and important and whatever is done should be done carefully and understandingly, and with the approval and cooperation of the Tuberculosis Committee of the State Society. Such institutions should be absolutely free from any possibility of political influence or they will be worse than none at all. In life-taking it has been said